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SUBJECT: SPECIAL LOS REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1185

1. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON STATUS OF PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS PROJECT TO CONVENE MEETING TO DISCUSS CARIBBEAN LOS MATTERS UNDER AUSPICES OF NEW CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE OF ECLA. WE ARE INTERESTED, FOR INSTANCE, WHETHER OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 1 DATES MENTIONED IN REFTEL ARE FIRM FOR MEETING, HOW QUESTION OF INVITATIONS WILL BE HANDLED, AND WHETHER AGENDA OR TENTATIVE AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED.

2. MORE GENERALLY, IN LIGHT OF WILLIAMS CHARACTERIZATION OF THE PLANNED MEETING AS "SUBSTANTIVE" (PARA 7 REFTEL), WE WISH TO GAIN MORE PRECISE IDEA OF ITS SPECIFIC AIMS AND PROCEDURES. PRESUMABLY WILLIAMS SEEKS ENDORSEMENT OF HIS IDEA OF A SPECIAL REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN, BUT IN WHAT WAY IS UNCLEAR (I.E., DOES PM HAVE IN MIND SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDING REVISIONS IN TH SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXTFOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE, OR EVEN NEGOTIATION OF SOME FORM OF LEGAL INSTRUMENT?) INFO ON THESE MATTERS WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING EXTENT OF US PARTICIPATION, IF ANY, IN

MEETING.

3. FYI: FAVORABLE REACTION PM WILLIAMS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON ON POSSIBLE REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CARIBBEAN WAS NOT UNQUALIFIED. WE INDICATED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ENTERING INTO REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHARING OF THEIR RESOURCES, AND WE COULD ACCEPT PROVISIONS PERMITTING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, PROPERLY ELABORATED, AS PART OF AN OVERALL LOS TREATY. THE NATURE OF THE REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS CONTEMPLATED, HOWEVER, WOULD BE THE BASIC DETRIMENT OF OUR ATTITUDE. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE CAST IN TERMS OF AN ARCHIPELAGO REGIME OR PREJUDICE NAVIGATION OR OTHER FREEDOMS. RATHER, WE COULD ENVISAGE POOLING OF RIGHTS
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ENJOYED BY COASTAL STATES INDIVIDUALLY PURSUANT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LOS TREATY, BUT NOT RPT NOT ASSERTION OF GREATER RIGHTS. THIS IS A BASIC POINT, AND WHILE WE ARE TAKING A LOW KEY APPROACH, SLIPPAGE AS IT COULD MOVE US INTO DIRECT OPPOSITION TO CARIBBEAN EFFORTS OF THIS NOTICE. END FYI

4. WITH THIS IN MIND, EMBASSY SHOILD IN LOW-KEY FASHION SEEK FURTHER DETAILS FROM APPROPRIATE GOTT OFFICIALS ON NATURE AND AIMS OF PLANNED MEETING ON CARIBBEAN LOS MATTERS.

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